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SUBJECT: ALLEGED CONSPIRACY AGAINST GUINEAN GOVERNMENT

REFS: (A) CONAKRY 1694, (B) CONAKRY 1702

1. AF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE CONVOKED GUINEAN AMBASSADOR BAH AFTERNOON AUGUST 23 TO PROTEST IMPLICIT ENDORSEMENT BY GOG OF DIALLO TELLI ALLEGATION IN "CONFES- SION" BROADCAST OVER STATE RADIO THAT US INVOLVED IN CONSPIRACY AGAINST GUINEAN GOVERNMENT. AF/W DIRECTOR AND COUNTRY OFFICER ATTENDED. BAH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY FIRST SECRETARY SANO.

2. SEELYE REVIEWED BACKGROUND OF RECENT US DECISION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL 10,000 TONS OF PL-480 RICE FOLLOWING GOG'S ASSURANCE OF THE TRUE NON-ALIGNMENT AND CESSATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF SOVIET RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT
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AFTER AUGUST 1976. HE ALSO NOTED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S

LETTER TO PRESIDENT TOURE IN RECOGNITION OF GOG'S DECISION. HE SAID US WAS, THEREFORE, SURPRISED BY AUGUST 22 GUINEAN GOVERNMENT RADIO BROADCAST OF "CONFESSION" BY EX-JUSTICE MINISTER DIALLO TELLI ACCUSING US OF INVOLVEMENT IN RECENT "PLOT" AGAINST SEKOU TOURE AND GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA.

3. SEELYE TOLD AMBASSADOR BAH THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE FALSE AND WE REGRET THAT GOG WOULD LEND CREDENCE TO THEM BY BROADCASTING THEM ON GOVERNMENT STATION. SEELYE SAID USG BELIEVES GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA SHOULD NOW GIVE SAME PUBLICITY TO OUR STATEMENTS THAT IMPLICATIONS OF DIALLO TELLI ALLEGATIONS ARE FALSE, AND REQUESTED AMBASSADOR BAH CONVEY THESE VIEWS TO GOG.

4. AMBASSADOR BAH ASSERTED HE WAS UNINFORMED ON RECENT BROADCAST OF ALLEGATIONS (AND SUBSEQUENTLY NOTED THIS WAS FIRST HE KNEW OF GOG DECISION TO STOP SOVIET DEPLOYMENTS AFTER AUGUST OF THIS YEAR). AFTER REAFFIRMATION OF GUINEAN NONALIGNMENT, BAH SAID GUINEA TRULY WISHES TO REINFORCE ITS FRIENDLY TIES WITH THE UNITED STATES. EVEN THOUGH HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE BROADCAST TO WHICH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEELYE REFERRED, IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUINEA HAD NOT MADE THE ACCUSATION, BUT HAD ONLY BROADCAST A STATEMENT BY THE PERSON UNDER INVESTIGATION. GUINEA HAS NOT SAID THAT THIS STATEMENT WAS THE TRUTH. BAH CLOSED WITH ASSERTIONS THAT IF GOG HAS SOMETHING TO TELL USG IT WILL DO SO DIRECTLY.

5. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR BAH'S STATEMENT INDICATING THAT GOG DID NOT ITSELF BELIEVE THE DECLARATION BROADCAST, BUT POINTED OUT THAT CLARIFICATION BY GOG IN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT RADIO BROADCAST WOULD BE USEFUL IN DISPELLING FALSE IMPRESSIONS.

6. AMBASSADOR BAH PROMISED CONVEY SEELYE'S PRESENTATION TO HIS GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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